

SERVICE BOARD TELLS HOW IT SAVED LIVES

Offers Figures to Show Big Decrease in Number Killed by Cars.

POINTS TO SAVING OF PUBLIC'S CASH

A long statement issued from the office of the Public Service Commission yesterday may be interpreted as a form of reply to charges made before the investigating committee by the Legislature that the commission has not been working for the people all the time. It is a review of accomplishments since the body was created by Gov. Hughes in 1907.

In brief, the commission is credited with these achievements:

Saving hundreds of lives by compelling street railroads to use effective fenders and wheelguards.

Compelling light and power companies to give a breakdown or auxiliary service.

Saving \$1,250,000 to "large consumers" by persuading the New York Edison Company to reduce its electricity rates.

Reducing gas bills by testing meters, as provided by the city.

Enlarging and improving the subway.

Reducing the number of grade crossings from 405 to 150 and increasing the number of crossings protected by gates from 161 to 236, effecting the saving of lives.

Saving money for investors by regulating security issues and protecting corporations "against the evils of excessive issues."

Reducing fares with a five cent fare to Coney Island.

Recalls Old Dissatisfaction.

"Those with good memories," says the statement, "need not be told that conditions as to public service corporations were immeasurably worse from the public point of view than they are today. At that time there was general dissatisfaction with the gas companies and the transportation companies and to a certain extent also with the electric lighting companies. It is not claimed that the Public Service Commission is to be credited with the establishment of the 50 cent rate, but it is claimed that the commission rendered assistance in such establishment and did its duty to the people in that emergency."

The local transportation facilities were also the cause of widespread complaint. The old Metropolitan Street Railway Company, which then controlled most of the surface car lines in Manhattan and The Bronx, was giving satisfactory service. The Interborough Rapid Transit Company, which operated the city subway and the privately owned elevated railroads, had recently effected a merger with the Metropolitan Street Railway Company, which provoked many manifestations of popular disapproval.

The Public Service Commission had not been in office a month until it began the now famous Interborough-Metropolitan investigation, conducted by its specially selected counsel, William M. Lytle. Resolves were appointed. Both systems are today in much better shape, physically and financially, and such is giving much better service to the public than was possible when the commission took up the investigation. The results are apparent to any one who will note conditions.

Says There Are Fewer Trenches.

"Under the inspection of the commission's engineers equipment is kept constantly up to the standard, with the result that there are comparatively few breakdowns, and the spectacle, once common in the streets of New York, of long strings of stalled cars due to the breakdown of operating machinery has become a memory."

"The commission has saved the lives of hundreds of citizens. In 1908 the number of persons killed on railroads and street railroads in the greater city was 444. This was before the order for fenders and wheel guards had been passed. In the year 1914 on the same railroads and street railroads, the face of a very much larger traffic and an expanded car mileage, the number killed was 292. If the fatal accidents had kept pace with the increase in traffic the number killed in 1914 would have been more than 700. The decrease in the number of fatal accidents was brought about in the face of an increase in the number of passengers carried of more than 500,000,000."

"The commission early in 1908 started a general investigation of the electric light and power companies. Several complaints had been received that certain companies had refused to give a breakdown or auxiliary service."

"Under the old system, when breakdown service was refused, the consumer ordinarily would have been obliged to pay from two to four times as much for a breakdown connection as under the plan put into operation as the result of the commission's action."

"The electric investigation resulted in many improvements in the treatment of consumers. Under the commission's orders the companies were obliged to publish their forms of contract, rate schedules, etc., and discrimination in the rate of rates to favored customers was forbidden. Forms of contract were simplified so that it is now possible for a consumer to ascertain easily the rate to which he is entitled according to the amount of current he consumes."

Consumers Save \$1,250,000.

"The New York Edison Company acceded to the commission's request for an adjustment of rates, and on July 1, 1911, put into effect a new tariff, making a general reduction of rates. It was estimated by the company that the reduction made by the new tariff were equivalent to an annual saving of \$1,250,000 to its consumers. The rate, however, applied only to consumers using more than \$25 worth of current a month. The preceding investigation into the company's rates of small consumers is still pending before the commission."

"Many a poor family in the greater city has received financial benefit from the commission's performance of its duty in testing gas meters. No company is now allowed to place in service a gas meter which has not been tested and found to be correct by the Public Service Commission. A consumer may have his meter tested by applying to the commission and paying a fee of 50 cents."

"In case the meter is found fast the fee is returned to him and paid by the gas company. The companies have made it a practice to refund to a consumer the amount which he may have been overcharged by reason of a fast meter, when such meter has been in service for any considerable period of time. Since 1907 the commission has tested 2,704,734 gas meters."

"In 1907 the longest trains possible to operate in the subway were eight car express trains and six car local trains. The commission reconstructed the station platforms at a cost of \$1,400,000 making possible the operation of 16 car

express trains and six car local trains. This one improvement, coupled with new entrances and exits, also ordered by the commission, added at least 25 per cent. to the capacity of the subway. "When the commission began work on the subway it was equipped with centre side doors. To-day every passenger car has them. The result enabled the company to cut down the headway between trains and pass a much greater number through the subway in a given time. When the commission began work the minimum headway in the rush hours was two minutes. That has been decreased to 1 minute 45 seconds, making possible the dispatch of thirty-three trains per hour. These improvements have increased the rush hour service from 18,000 seats to 26,400 seats per hour."

Another Saving of Life.

"In the year 1908 the number of persons killed at grade crossings was 21 and the number injured was 41. In 1914 the number of persons killed was 13 and the number injured was 26. Here is another case of the saving of human life due to the work of the commission, and an actual decrease in the number of fatal accidents in the face of largely increased traffic. More would have been accomplished in this direction had it been possible to induce the Legislature to appropriate money for the State's property of elimination expenses."

"In seven years, 1907 to 1914, the commission has received from companies applications for stock and bond issues totalling \$68,822,674.80. Of this total it has disallowed \$131,539,226.12, all of which, with the exception of about \$7,000,000, covering applications withdrawn by the companies, would probably have been issued and sold to the public if it had not been for the existence and action of a regulating commission."

"The commission has ordered several reductions in the rates of fare charged by transportation companies. It has brought about the present 50 cent fare to Coney Island, which can be obtained during certain hours. It has made possible in the near future a general five cent rate to Coney Island by the adoption of the dual system of fares. The commission ordered a reduction in fare for the passage over the Williamsburg Bridge from two tickets for five cents to three tickets for five cents. It has also brought about readjustments of fares on several lines, thus doing away with in-

equalities and excess charges for local rides under different conditions.

"In a few cases, where the 50 cent gas rate does not apply, the commission has ordered reductions in the price charged for gas."

"The new dual rapid transit system will more than double the present rapid transit mileage in the city and more than triple its capacity. The commission has let contracts for sixty-four of the eighty-three sections of the city owned lines in the dual system, aggregating about \$142,000,000, and has approved contracts made by the operating companies for extensions and improvements of the privately owned elevated lines which are to be included in the new system, to the extent of \$15,000,000 more. By the end of this year it will have awarded all the contracts for all city owned lines and will have placed in operation the Centre street loop subway, the Steinway tunnel and the Fourth Avenue subway in Brooklyn."

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"Fundamental Justice" is the title of a rattling piece of fiction by this popular author in which he tells how "pep" is put into a town gone stale.

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Well known English author says England will never see prosperity until she suffers a severe defeat in war. He also discusses the spiritual outcome of the present struggle.

James Forbes
Author and director of several popular comedies reveals some of the secrets of staging a play.

impair the effectiveness of the organization which his predecessors built up, and that he had not allowed political affairs to interfere with any man. He continued:

"I am a Democrat of the old school, the school that believes in the conservation and the protection of property rights, and no clamor and no evil thoughts of the degenerates will swerve me one iota from the course which I believe will result in the conservation and protection of those rights."

"No cheap, tawdry editor, no producer of the gutter of journalism will have the slightest respect from me. From such creatures as these can only take from me my unspokeable contempt. As long as I act as chairman of the commission, my acts are mine and mine alone."

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